will be eligible for deduction in computing the income of the business.

To induce more investment for R&D activities, a weighted deduction of 125% on the sums paid to any university, college or an institution or a Scientific research association for the purpose of scientific, social or statistical research has been provided.

Non-payment of wages by sick PSUs

73. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Sector Undertakings who are bad pay masters as far as Wages, Provident Funds and Pensions are concerned;

(b) for how many months they have not paid the wages;

(c) whether there is any unrest amongst the employees; and

(d) what is the remedial action taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b)Some of the employees of the Public Sector Undertakings have not paid wages and other statutory dues on account of the weak financial position of these undertakings. A statement showing the month since when wages have not been paid in some of the major PSUs is enclosed. *(See* below)

(c) and (d) Unrest has been reported for non-payment of wages in some of the Public Sector Undertakings. The Government has constituted a Group of Ministers to consider and give recommendations in respect of the problems relating to payment of wages, salaries and statutory dues of employees in Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs).

Statement

Name of Public Sector Undertaking	Month from which wages/ salaries have not been paid
1	2
Bum Standard Company Ltd. (Refractory unit)	Oct. 1999
Bum Standard Company Ltd. (Other units)	Nov. 1999
Jessop	Oct., 1999
Tungabhadra Steel Products Ltd.	Aug. , 1999
National Industrial Dev. Corp. Ltd.(Officers)	Sep., 1999
Cement Corpn. of India Ltd.	Sep., 1999
Tannery & Footwear Corpn. of India Ltd.	Oct., 1999
NEPA Ltd.	Oct., 1999
Cycle Corporation of India Ltd.	Nov. 1999
Mining & Allied Machinery Corpn. Ltd.	Oct., 1999
National Bicycle Corporation of India Ltd.	Oct., 1999
R & C (Byculla unit)	Apr., 1999
ILK	Nov. 1999
Praga Tools Ltd.	Nov. 1999
National Instrumentation Ltd.	Oct., 1999
Rehabilitation Industries Corpn. Ltd.	Oct., 1999
Pyrites, Phosphate & Chemicals Ltd.	Oct., 1999
Bengal Immunity Ltd.	Oct., 1999
HMT Watch Factory	Nov. 1999
HMT Srinagar	Oct-Nov., 1999
HMT Lamp Unit	June, 1999
National Projects Construction Corp. Ltd.	Apr. 1999
National Textile Corporation	Nov. 1999
British India Corporation Ltd.	Nov. 1999
Eligin Mills Co. Ltd. & Cawnpore Textiles Ltd.	Oct., 1999
National Jute Mfg. Corporation Ltd.	Nov. 1999

1	2
Hindustan Steel Works Construction Ltd.	Jan-Nov., 1999
Hindustan Copper Limited	Oct., 1999

Note-The above information is based on data received from various Minstries & Deptt, as on 14.12.1999.

Regularisation of Daily Wagers

74. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the time-limit fixed by Government for absorbing the different categories of workers engaged on daily wages in Government / Semi-Government / industries / companies / hotels and other private establishment in India;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the workers who are not getting this benefit;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) As per Government orders, a casual worker engaged for doing work of purely casual nature in Central Government Offices, may on completion of 240 days of continuous service on daily wages, be considered for regular employment provided he fulfils the other conditions of eligibility viz. if he is recruited through Employment Exchange, the office concerned has a suitable vacancy to accommodate him, he falls within the prescribed age limit and meets the educational qualification requirements. In Central Government Public Sector Undertakings, a casual worker who has completed 180 days of continuous service in the same establishment or under the same employer is eligible for employment on regular basis subject to fulfilment of similar conditions. In the case of other workers engaged on daily wage basis